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Mr. F. William Colburn
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Open Records Decision No. 18

Dear Mr. Colburn:

The Houston Post has requested the following information from the City of Houston's Director of Aviation: "The arrest records of all persons arrested by Airport Security Police from January 1, 1973 to present. The specific information requested is the name, age, address, offense and disposition of case in each arrest." You have requested our opinion as to whether it is subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act, Article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S.

You have furnished us with a copy of a "Police Officer's Offense Report" as typical of the records available. It contains not only the name, age, address, and offense charged, but also contains much detailed information concerning the detection of crime. We assume that the Airport Security Police is a law enforcement agency of the City of Houston and, therefore, its records of arrest are records of a law enforcement agency dealing with the detection and investigation of crime and the internal records and notations which are maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement. As such, they are excepted from disclosure under § 3(a)(8) of the Open Records Act, Article 6252-17a, V. T. C. S.

Yours very truly,

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